

TALK OF FOREIGN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN ON JULY 20 1937
CONCERNING FIRE DISCHARGED BY CHINESE TROOPS
UPON JAPANESE SENTINELS NEAR WU-LITIEN.

(Issued on July 20 as of 5:00 p.m.)

Since July 19 the Chinese repeatedly fired upon Japanese sentinels posted near Wu-litien (about 2 kilometres east of Lukouchiao), injuring the commander of our company. For three times -- at 9 o'clock and 4 o'clock p.m. the Chinese attacked the Japanese position with trench-mortars, but the Japanese did not return the fire. On the 20th the Chinese still continued their provocative action, and at 2 o'clock p.m. they sent a heavy shower of cannon, rifle and machine-gun shots upon our position, and compelled our force to reply. The fighting is now in progress. However, we are employing only artillery force and no infantry has been put to action.

Before commencing bombardment we sent airplanes to distribute handbills warning the inhabitants of the vicinity to evacuate.

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五里店附近日本軍歩哨に對する支那側の發砲に關し
一九三七年七月二十日支那の外務省情報部長談

（七月二十日午後五時附發表）

七月十九日以來支那側は五里店（舊海柏立方約二マロ一町近に而被せられた
る飛行場に對し）撃返し砲砲し我中隊長を負傷せしめた。午後四時及九時の三回
に亘り支那側は迫撃砲を以て我陣地を攻撃したが我方は之に還射しなかつた。
二十日に至り支那側は依然として其撃戦的行動を繼續し午後二時には我陣地に
討し大砲、小砲、機銃砲の濫射を浴びせ我方をしては射するの止む無きに至ら
しめた。我側は日下は晴中である。然しながら我方は砲兵のみを用ひ居りが兵
はなは未だ行動を開始し居らず。
初撃開始に先ち我方は飛行場を以てビラを撒布し附近住民に對し立退くよう
警告したり。